

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

You must not abuse your privilege and trust you have been afforded because you live in a Democratic, free society. To soil reputations, propagate lies and mislead those who trust you is wrong. You are abusing your authority and access.

I have watched your station from time to time over the last few months and realize there is something I can do to impact your narrow minded view. I will boycott the companies who support your station and I will continue to call a lie a lie. Be certain that this message will be forwarded to all my friends and family. I will be asking them to join me in fighting your very one sided opinions, misleading "information" and biased commentary.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.